

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the aforementioned non-final Office Action dated October 19, 2007. By this communication, claim 27 is amended, claims 1-23 and 34 are cancelled, and claims 35-38 are added. Claims 24-26 and 28-33 are not amended and remain in the application. Thus, claims 24-33 and 35-40 are pending in the application.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for kindly indicating that claims 24-26 are allowed.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants also thank the Examiner for kindly indicating that claim 34 recites allowable subject matter.

Claim 34 depended from independent claim 27. Claim 27 has been amended herein to include the allowable subject matter of claim 34, thereby placing claims 27-33 in allowable form. Claim 34 has been cancelled.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 27-33 are allowable.

III. New Claims

New dependent claims 35 and 36 depend from allowed claim 24. New dependent claims 37 and 38 depend from claim 27, which was amended to include the allowable subject matter of cancelled claim 34.

The subject matter of new claims 35-38 is supported throughout the specification and drawings. For example, see lines 8-10 on page 6 and line 3-6 on page 10 of the specification, and Figure 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 35-38 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from claims 24 and 27.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants requests a favorable examination and consideration of the instant application.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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